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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE FIRST MEETING OF NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY MARITIME SUBGROUP ON NOVEMBER 13-14. IT PRESENTS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE PROPOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBGROUP AND SUGGESTS SEVERAL ADDITIONS THERETO. ACTION REQUESTED. CONCURRENCE WITH OR COMMENTS ON AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE BY NOVEMBER 12. END
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SUMMARY.

1. UK HAS APPOINTED CAPTIAN DAVID HEPWORTH, RN AS CHAIRMAN, NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY MARITIME SUBGROUP (NSSMSG).

2. ON NOVEMBER 6 THE CHAIRMAN, NSSMSG DISTRIBUTED PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE SUBGROUP BY MAIL TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS (BELGIUM, CANADA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, UK, US) AND MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS. THE PROPOSED TOR IS QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS MESSAGE.

3. THE CHAIRMAN NSSMSG REQUESTS THAT DELEGATES TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NSSMSG, NOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 13-14 IN BRUSSELS, BE PREPARED TO APPROVE OR COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED TOR.

4. THE CHAIRMAN NSSMSG HAS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING TOR FOR THE SUBGROUP. QUOTE

BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. TO REVIEW POSSIBLE AREAS OF APPLICATION OF THE CONCEPT OF SPECIALIZATION IN THE MARITIME FIELD; TO IDENTIFY AND CONSIDER SHORT AND LONG TERM POSSIBILITIES AND TO RECOMMEND THE MEANS BY WHICH THEY MAY BE ACHIEVED.

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2. HAVING MET ITS INITIAL REQUIREMENT, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE WORK IN THE FIELD AND HOW IT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

OVERALL GUIDELINES

3. IN CONDUCTING THEIR STUDY AND IN FRAMING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS THE MARITIME SUBGROUP WILL BE GUIDED BY THE OVERALL CONSIDERATION THAT SPECIALIZATION SHOULD IN NO WAY IMPAIR NATO'S OVERALL MILITARY CAPABILITY. THEY WILL ENSURE THEREFORE THAT ANY PROPOSAL TO OPT OUT OF A PARTICULAR MILITARY CAPABILITY WILL BE MATCHED ON THE ONE HAND BY THE COUNTRY CONCERNED UNDERTAKING A COMPARABLE EXTENSION OF A RETAINED MILITARY CAPABILITY, AND ON THE OTHER HAND BY AN UNDERTAKING FROM OTHER NATO COUNTRIES COLLECTIVELY TO MAKE GOOD THE DEFICIENCY. UNQUOTE.

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5. US DELEGATE TO NSSMSG (CAPTAIN CHISUM/USNATO) MET INFORMALLY WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBGROUP ON NOVEMBER 6. THE FOLLOWING POINTS REFLECT THE TENOR OF THE DISCUSSION.

A. UK WANTS THE NSSMSG TO COMPLETE ITS WORK IN A SHORT TIME- POSSIBLY 2 OR 3 MONTHS.

B. THE CHAIRMAN HAS FIRM GUIDANCE FROM LONDON TO LIMIT THE OUTPUT OF THE NSSMSG TO PRODUCING A LIST OF POSSIBLE AREAS FOR MARITIME SPECIALIZATION ALONG WITH VERY GENERAL IDEA OF HOW THIS SPECIALIZATION MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED. ANY EFFORT BEYOND THIS, SHOULD PROPERLY BE TAKEN ON A BROADER BASIS BY THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF OR EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP. (REFERENCE B. IS GERMANE

IN SUPPORT OF THIS THESIS.)

C. MARITIME SPECIALIZATION MUST NOT RESULT IN DEGRADATION OF
OVER NATO CAPABILITY.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE PROPOSED TOR SHOULD BE
REWORDED TO BRING IT MORE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE OF
PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFERENCE A. RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING NEW PARA-
GRAPH 3 TO THE TOR BE TABLED AT THE NOVEMBER 13-14 MEETING OF
THE SUBGROUP.

QUOTE OVERALL GUIDELINES

3. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE MARITIME SUBGROUP'S
STUDY SHALL BE TO EXAMINE COMBAT AND SUPPORT MISSIONS
AND DETERMINE THOSE THAT CAN BE ASSIGNED TO ONE COUNTRY, THUS
ENABLING OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONCENTRATE THEIR UNDIMINISHED RE-
SOURCE ON OTHER MISSIONS.

THE STUDY SHOULD PROCEED FROM BASIS OF CURRENT
NATO STRATEGY.

THE AGGREGATE CAPABILITIES OF THE NAVAL FORCES UNDER
REVIEW MUST BE MAINTAINED.

THE STUDY SHOULD FOCUS ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF
SPECIALIZATION IN SUCH AREAS AS TRAINING, WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND
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LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

THE STUDY SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE PROTECTION OF
SEA LINES OF COMMUNICATION SUPPORTING NATO AND WAYS IN WHICH
MARITIME SPECIALIZATION CAN ENHANCE THIS PROTECTION. UNQUOTE.

REQUEST CONCURRENCE OR COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THIS CHANGE AND THE
RESULTING TOR BY NOVEMBER 12.

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